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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: PANAM OPERATIONS

- 1. UNDER 1972 UNDERSTANDING, US HAS ROUTE READING MIAMI-SAN JUAN-ANTIGUA-BRIDGETOWN. PANAM OPERATES A DAILY ROUNDTRIP FLIGHT ON THIS ROUTING. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 28, PANAM DESIRES CHANGE THIS ROUTING TO PHILADELPHIA-SAN JUAN-ANTIGUA-BRIDGETOWN, IN LIEU OF MIAMI ROUTING. FREQUENCY OF SERVICE WOULD REMAIN SAME.
- 2. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS PANAM REP HEWINS HAS DISCUSSED FOREGOING WITH EMBASSY AND THAT EMBASSY ADVISED THAT CHANCES OF APPROVAL MIGHT BE BETTER IF EMBASSY DISCUSSED MATTER INFORMALLY WITH GOB, RATHER THAN PANAM APPROACHING GOB. UNLESS EMBASSY PERCEIVES OBJECTION, SUGGEST IT DISCUSS PANAM INTEREST INFORMALLY WITH GOB TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER IT WILLING PERMIT THIS ALTERATION. IF GOB DESIRES EMBASSY NOTE REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FOR PANAM, THIS COULD BE DONE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. NEITHER DEPARTMENT NOR PANAM BELIEVE MATTER SHOULD BE PRESSED IF GOB WANTS ITS POUND OF FLESH IN RETURN. PANAM CURRENTLY OFFERS PHILADELPHIA-BRIDGETOWN SERVICE VIA A CONNECTION AT SAN JUAN AND WOULD CONTINUE DO SO IF

NECESSARY. A THROUGH, SINGLE FLIGHT NUMBER SERVICE HOWEVER IS MORE LIKELY TO ATTRACT TRAFFIC AND THERE IS MORE PHILADELPHIA-BRIDGETOWN THAN MIAMI-BRIDGETOWN TRAFFIC. ROGERS

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